

RC142

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Interior Region
March 2 - 11, 2012
Wedgewood Resort
Fairbanks, Alaska**

**Miscellaneous Business Agenda
~Tentative~**

Llama Petition (RC 1, petition tab; & RC 71)

Priority of Tier II, Tier I, and drawing hunt permit selection process

Guide/client agreement requirements for applying for drawing applications

Board Findings on Predator Control Implementation Plans

Board of Game Bear Conservation, Harvest, and Management Policy (*Policy 2011-194-BOG.*)

Special Hunts on military lands in Unit 20 (RC 1, petition tab)

Antlerless moose petition & future proposal (RC 1, petition tab)

SE AK Black Bear Harvest Team (RC 119)

Joint Board Update (Teresa & Cliff)

Endorsement Fortymile Caribou Herd Plan

RM865 Permit Hunt Conditions for Motorized Use (board authorize the dept. to use discretionary authority)

Letter of support for the Outdoor Heritage Foundation Funding

Mosquito Flats – RM865 Motorized Restriction Area (Unit 20E)

Upper Tanana-Fortymile AC

- Current wording in RM865 Hunt Conditions:
 - The use of any motorized land vehicle **greater than 1,500 lbs.** for hunting moose under an RM865 permit, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of game, is prohibited from August 1-September 30, within the portion of the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage between, but not including, the Kechumstuck Creek drainage and the drainage of the northern tributary which flows into the Mosquito Fork at 63° 57.82 N., 143° 17.29 W. This restriction does not apply on the Kechumstuck Trail and that portion of the Mitchels Ranch Trail east of the Mosquito Fork.
- Unenforceable (fall 2006 – 2011)
 - According to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers
 - No way to weigh a vehicle in the field.
- Upper Tanana-Fortymile AC letter to ADF&G
 - Use Discretionary Authority

Original Intent of Restriction

- Align the restriction with the Alaska DNR code 11 AAC 96.020 (a) (1) (E)
 - which allows hunters to use “a recreational-type off-road or all-terrain vehicle with a **curb weight of up to 1,500 pounds**, including a snowmobile and four-wheeler, on or off an established road easement if use of the road easement does not cause or contribute to **water quality degradation, alteration of drainage systems, significant rutting, ground disturbance, or thermal erosion.**

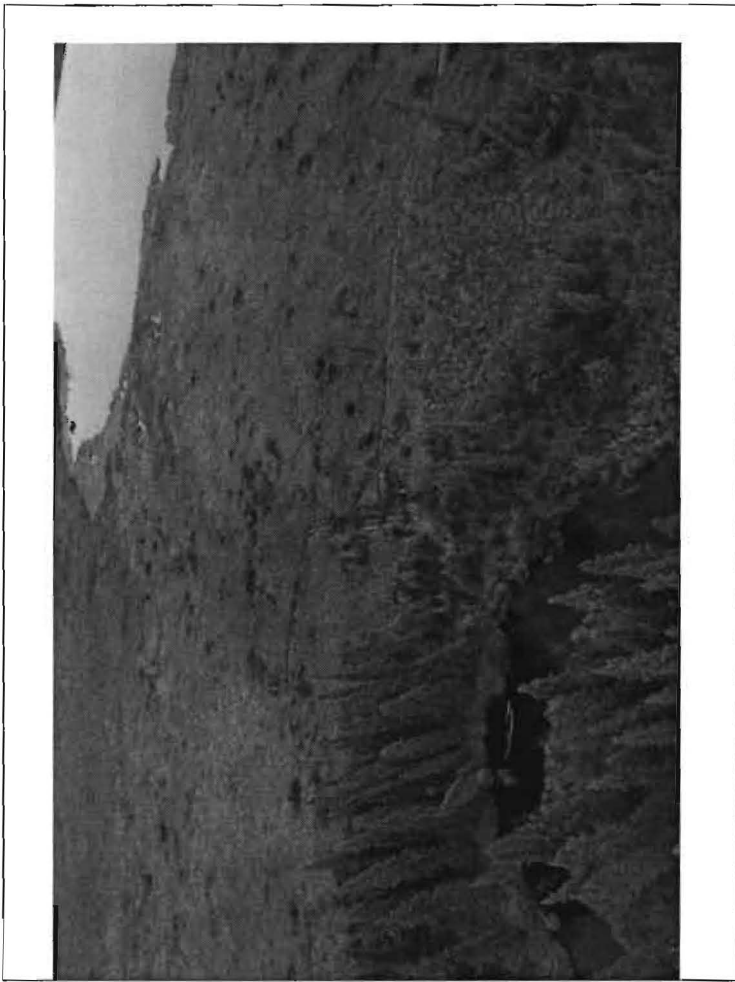
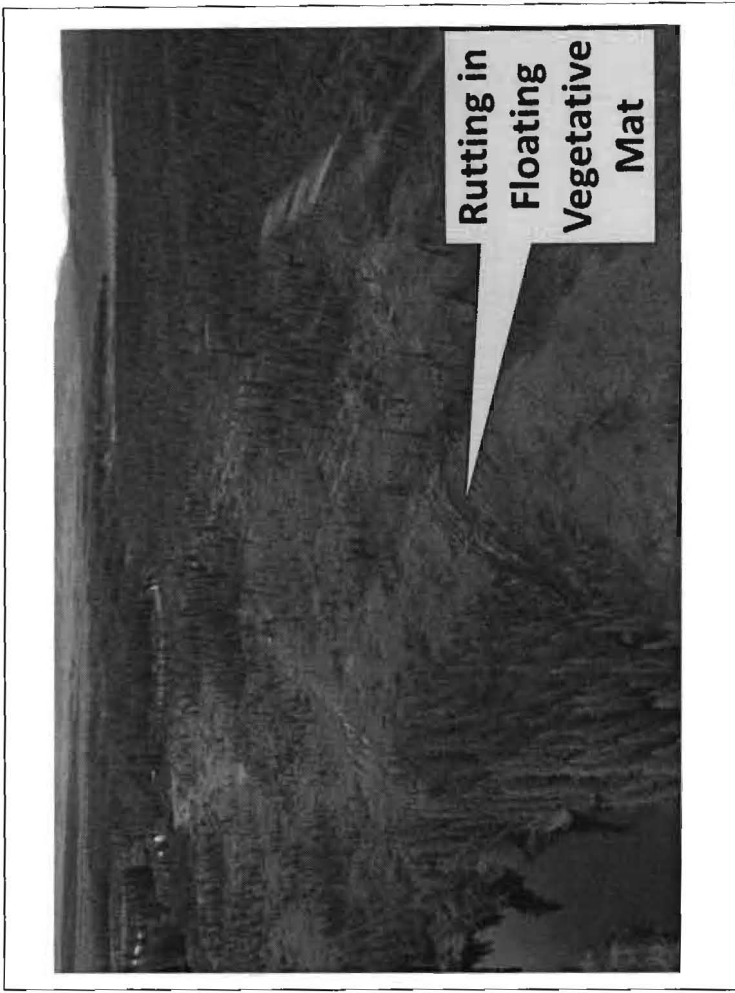
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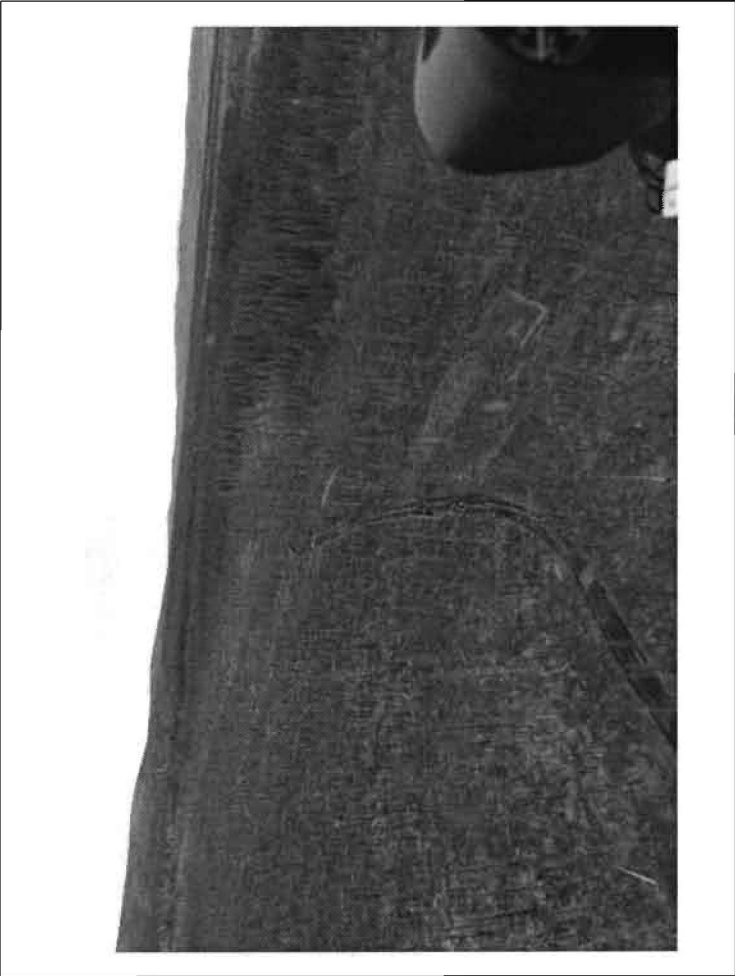
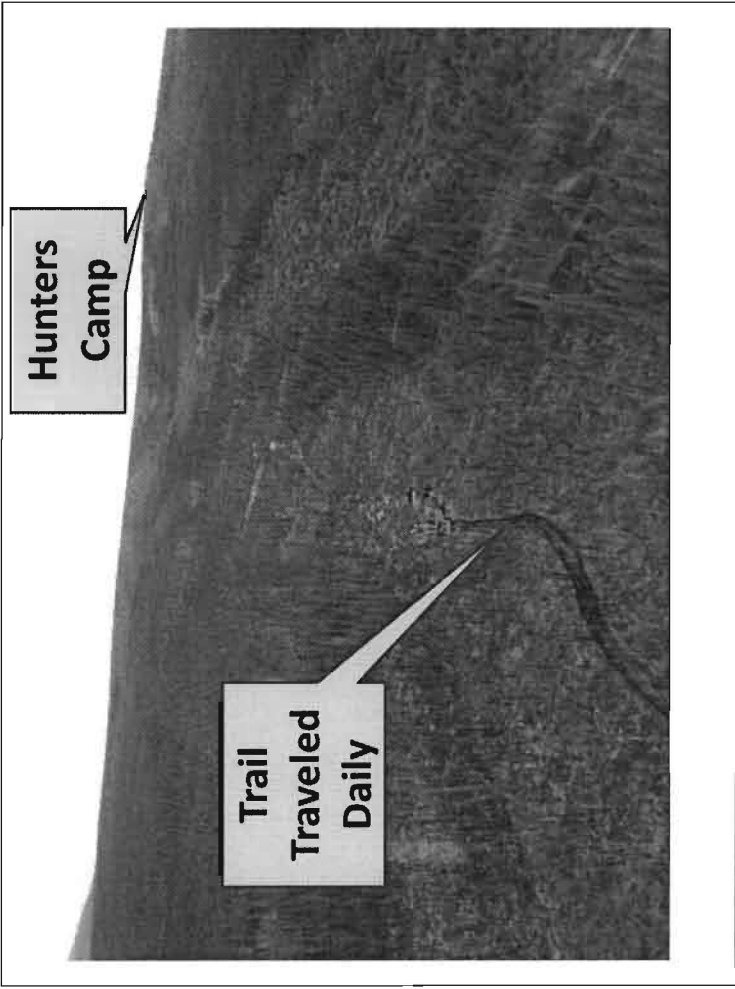
Intent of RM865 motorized restriction
not being met.

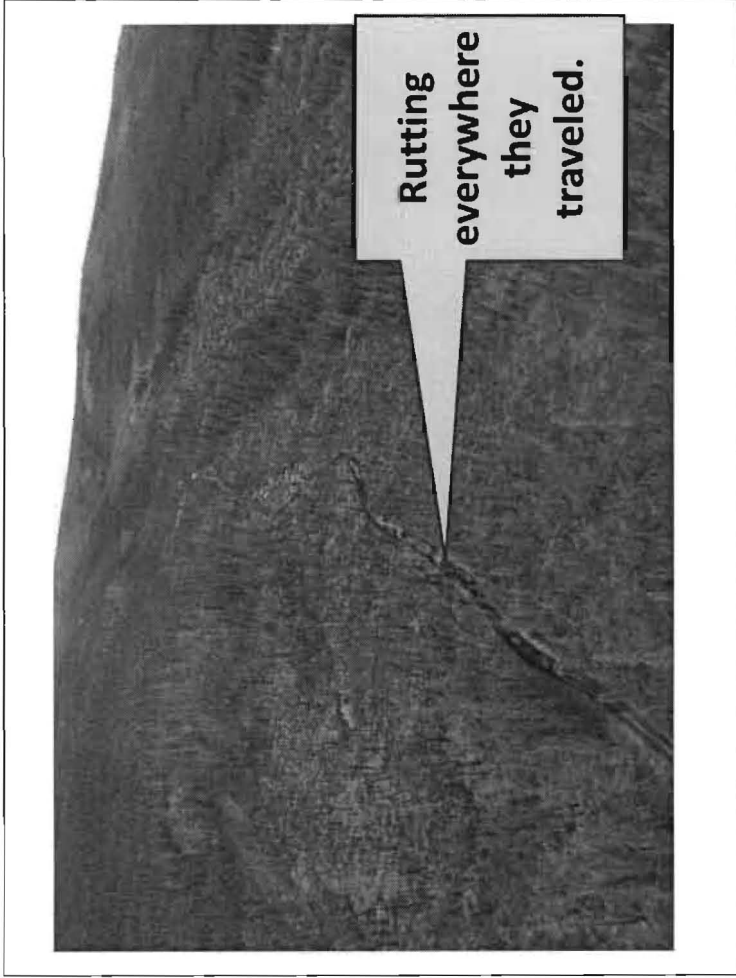


Continued destruction 2006 - 2011

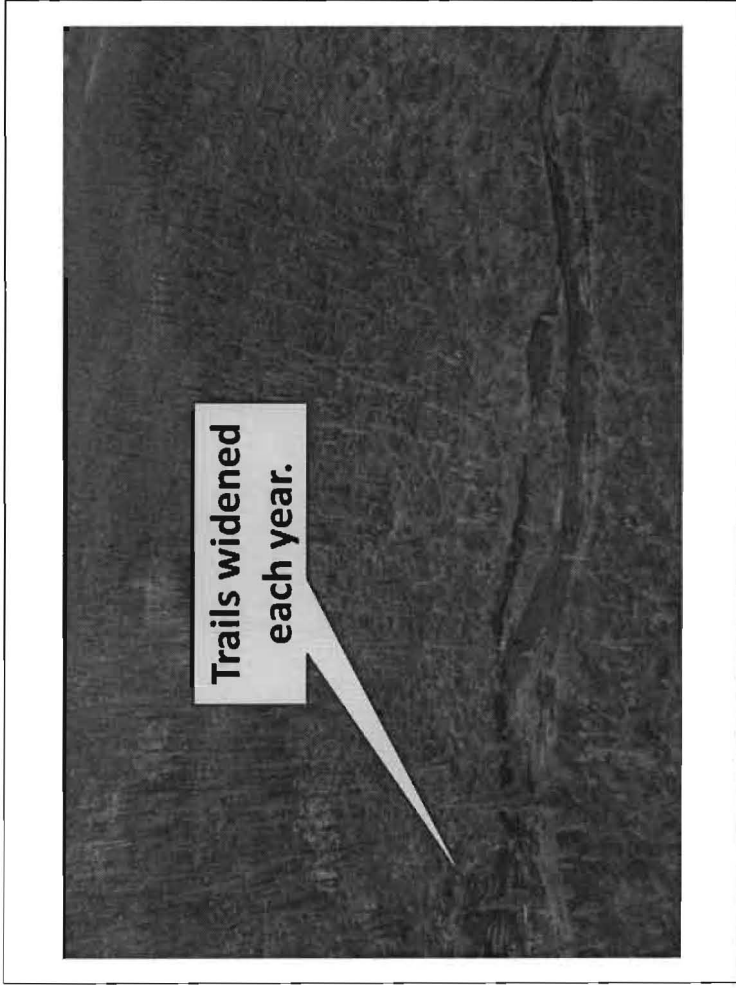






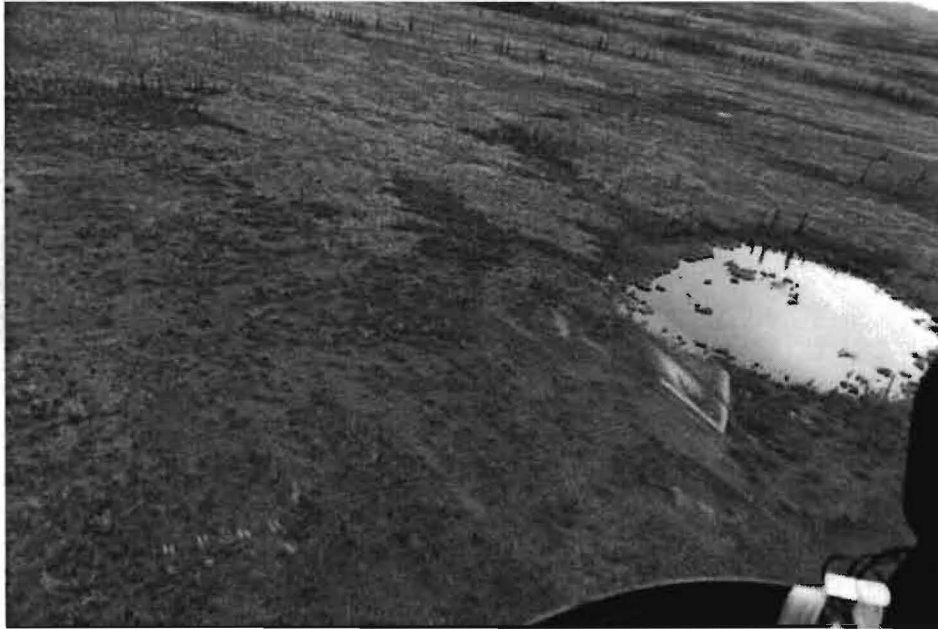


**Rutting
everywhere
they
traveled.**



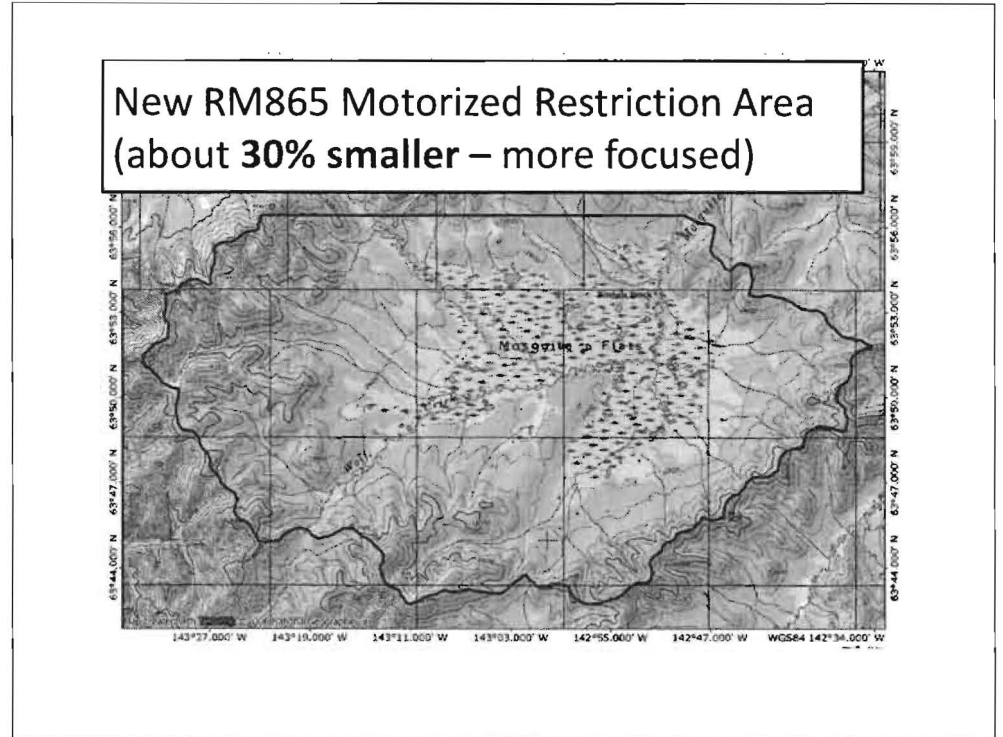
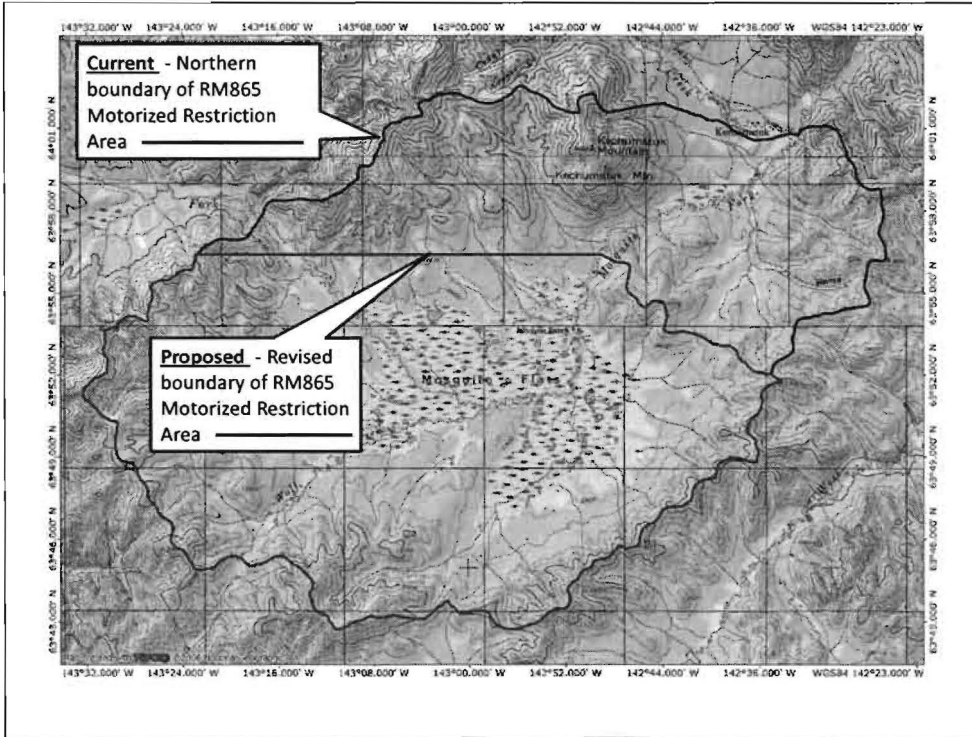
**Trails widened
each year.**





Summary of UTFAC letter to ADF&G

1. Revised wording in RM865 Hunt Conditions using ADF&G discretionary authority:
 - From: "...use of any motorized land vehicle greater than 1,500 lbs..."
 - To: "...use of any motorized land vehicle..."
2. Reduce the size of the restriction area.
 - To target the most fragile areas
 - Eliminate motorized restriction in area used by motorized vehicles prior to 2005.
 - Not going to impact use of trails established before 2005.
 - Only impact 2-3 groups of hunters that have caused this destruction since 2005.



- Revised wording in RM865 Hunt Conditions:

- The use of any motorized land vehicle for hunting moose under an RM865 permit, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of game, is prohibited from August 1-September 30, within the area draining into the mainstem of the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River, between GPS coordinates 63° 56.411 N/143° 14.021 W and 63° 56.411 N/142° 49.264 W and south of latitude 63° 56.411 N. This restriction does not apply on the Mitchels Ranch or Square Lake Trails. Maps of the Mitchels Ranch and Square Lake Trails are available at Tok ADF&G.

VIDEO